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SUBJECT: OPIUM CULTIVATION IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: STATE 111535

1. EMBASSY NARCOTICS ATTACHE AND NARCOTICS COORDINATOR
ON JUNE 2 DISCUSSED AFGHANISTAM OPIUM PROBLEM WITH
DR. HUEBNER, ASSISTANT HEAD OF SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST
ASIA OFFICE OF FOREIGN OFFICE. EMBOFFS MADE POINTS
REFTEL STRESSING LATENT DANGER TO GERMANY OF AFGHAN
PRODUCTION AND SPECIAL FRG POSITION IN AFGHANISTAN.
NARCOTICS ATTACHE GAVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF GERMAN
DRUG SITUATION AND WORLD TRAFFICKING PATTERNS IN
HEROIN. HUEBNER SAID IT WAS OBVIOUSLY IN FRG INTEREST
AND THE INTEREST OF MANKIND THAT OPIUM PRODUCTION BE
CONTROLLED, AND FRG WOULD, OF COURSE, MAKE A DEMARCHE
TO THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THAT FRG'S SPECIAL
POSITION IN AFGHANISTAN UNFORTUNATELY WAS NOT WHAT IT
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USED TO BE, BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT THERE WAS INCREASING-
LY INFLUENCED BY THE SOVIETS. THIS WAS ESPECIALLY TRUE
OF ECONOMIC OFFICIALS WITH WHOM FRG REPRESENTATIVES
DEAL. HUEBNER PROPOSES TO SEEK A REPORT FROM THE FED-
ERAL CRIMINAL POLICE ON GERMANY'S NARCOTICS PROBLEM
AND HOW AFGHANISTAN'S PRODUCTION COULD AFFECT IT SO
THAT HE COULD MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE FRG EMBASSY IN

KABUL FOR THEIR BACKGROUND USE. HUEBNER SAID HE
WOULD LET US KNOW THE RESULTS OF THE DEMARCHE.
STOESSEL UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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